Implementation of consumer Protection Act, 1986

*86. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has been implemented in different States and Union Territories;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the provisions of the Act requiring the constitution of Consumer Protection Councils, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to make consumer protection a reality by reinforcing or modifying the provisions of the Act or otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As per information available, 28 States/Union Territories have set up the State level Consumer Protection Councils. The redressal machinery has been set up in 7 States/UTs. 8 States/UTs have notified the State Commissions/District Forums. In addition, Central Government has conveyed its approval to 5 States to set up this machinery.

(b) Two States and one U.T. have yet to set up Consumer Protection Council. Action in this regard lies with them. However, Government has urged them to take early action in setting up the Councils.

(c) The Government accords high priority to Consumer Protection Programme. It has taken a number of steps to promote a strong and broad-based consumer movement in the country. Such measures include enactment of Consumer Protection Act, 1986; amendment of legislations such as Essential Commodities Act, 1955; Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, MRTP Act, 1969, etc. to empower the consumers and recognised consumer organisations to file complaints in the court; increased coverage by the media, publication of literature in the field of consumer protection; institution of National Awards, etc. There is no proposal to modify the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 1986 at this stage.

Taking over of VISL by SAIL

*87. SHRI M. S. GURUPADSWAMY:
SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have offered the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited to be taken over by the Steel Authority of India;

(b) whether all the conditions laid down by the SAIL have been agreed to by the Government of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking a decision to take over the VISL by the SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Karnataka have agreed to take the steps identified as necessary for improving the viability of VISL.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

विडियो कैसेटों का उत्पादन करने वाली एजेंसियां

*88. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली, बम्बई, मद्रास और कलकत्ता जैसे महानगरों में हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी और अन्य क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में फिल्मों के वीडियो कैसेट तैयार करने के कार्य में कितने अभिकरण लगे हुए हैं और उनमें से कितनों को सरकार द्वारा लाइसेंस दिए गए हैं; और